

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section heading beginning at page 1 after the title with the following rewritten section heading:

-- DESCRIPTION BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Please insert the following section heading at page 1, before the fourth complete paragraph:

2. Description of the Related Art

Please insert the following section heading at page 2, before the third complete paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following section heading at page 2, before the paragraph beginning "In one preferred embodiment of the invention":

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention may be applied to any karabiners of the basic type defined irrespective of the type of gate. Thus karabiners of the invention may have spring-loaded gates, solid gates or wire gates and may have additional gate locking means.

Please insert the following section heading at page 4; before the paragraph beginning "This invention will now be further described":

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS